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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, RP

SUBJECT: INCREASED MUSLIM MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SOUTH

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1. PRESIDENT MARCOS ASKED ME TO JOIN HIM IN PRIVATE MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR AND DEFENSE SECRETARY PONCE-ENRILE MORNING FEBRUARY 3. HE HAD ENRILE GIVE ME BRIEFING ON STEPPED-UP MUSLIM MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MINDANAO AND SULUS, AND REVIEWED WITH ME FRUSTRATING EXPERIENCE OF MELCHOR'S ATTEMPTED NEGOTIATIONS WITH MNLF (REFTEL).

2. HE THEN SAID BOTH THE PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES AND THE CHRISTIAN POPULATION IN THE SOUTH WERE DEMANDING

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PERMISSION TO RESUME MILITARY OPERATIONS IN FULL SCALE

AGAINST THE INSURGENTS. THEY FEEL THAT THE MNLF HAS  
MERELY USED NEGOTIATIONS TO BUY TIME FOR RESUPPLY AND THAT  
WEAPONS FLOW INTO SOUTHERN TERRITORIES HAS BECOME  
"INTOLERABLE."

3. HE WAS MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR SESSION WITH HIS  
MILITARY LEADERS AND WAS GOING TO AUTHORIZE THEM TO  
UNDERTAKE A TWO-MONTH CAMPAIGN IN ORDER TO RECLAIM ANY  
TERRITORY OVER WHICH THE PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES HAD LOST  
CONTROL. HE WOULD STRESS THAT THIS ACTION HAD TO BE  
COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED ROUND OF TALKS WITH  
THE MNLF IN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL. HE REALIZED THIS WAS  
AN AWKWARD TIME IN WHICH TO REOPEN MAJOR MILITARY ACTIVITY,  
BUT HE FELT ANY ALTERNATIVE COURSE WOULD MERELY RESULT IN  
ADDITIONAL TERRITORIAL LOSSES, ADDITIONAL AFP CASUALTIES,  
AND ADDITIONAL MNLF OBDURACY.  
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